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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON BILATERAL  
RELATIONS

SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR COMMENTED MAY 22 THAT A  
FAVORABLE CLIMATE EXISTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW POLICY  
BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA AND THE U.S. HE DESCRIBED HIS BILATERAL  
TALKS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AS "VERY POSITIVE," NOTED THAT IT  
HAD BEEN AGREED TO ESTABLISH BILATERAL WORKING GROUPS, AND INDICATED  
THAT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LATIN AMERICAN WAS LIKELY TO TAKE  
PLACE BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. END SUMMARY

1. SPEAKING TO REPORTERS MAY 22 FOLLOWING HIS REPORT TO THE  
CABINET ON THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND HIS TALKS WITH SECRETARY  
KISSINGER, FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM STATED THAT THERE  
IS A "VERY REAL POSSIBILITY" OF ESTABLISHING A NEW POLICY BETWEEN  
LATIN AMERICA AND THE U.S. THE PROBLEM, ESCCOOVVAR CONTINUED, IS  
TO HAVE "COOPERATION WITHOUT SUBMISSION." HOWEVER, IN HIS TALKS  
WITH THE SECRETARY, ESCOVAR SAID HE HAD DETECTED THE POSSIBILITY  
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OF FUTURE UNDERSTANDING. HE SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS HAD JUST BEGUN

WHICH COULD BEAR FRUIT, AND THAT HE BELIEVED THEY ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO DO SO "IN THE SENSE THAT THERE ALREADY EXISTS A FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE PENDING."

2. ASKED SPECIFICALLY TO COMMENT ON HIS PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SECRETARY, ESCOVAR SAID THEY HAD BEEN "VERY POSITIVE." ESCOVAR INDICATED THAT IT WAS AGREED TO ESTABLISH BILATERAL WORKING GROUPS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE DISCUSSING PENDING MATTERS. ESCOVAR DENIED THAT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE BUT SAID IT "VERY LIKELY" WILL TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR. HE SAID THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY CHANGES IN THE AGENDA FOR THE KISSINGER VISIT HERE BUT "CERTAIN ESSENTIAL PROBLEMS," WHICH HE DID NOT SPELL OUT, COULD STILL BE INCORPORATED IN IT.

3. CHANGING SUBJECTS, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT PREPARATIONS FOR A LATIN AMERICAN SUMMIT IN CARACAS ARE PROCEEDING "AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL," AND THAT AN AGENDA IS UNDER PREPARATION. HE INDICATED THAT A FAVORABLE CLIMATE EXISTS WITHIN THE OAS FOR THE FORMATION OF SELA IN THAT THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS ARE WORKING IN THAT DIRECTION.

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